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SUBJECT: REPORTED TRANSFER OF SOVIET TRADE OFFICIAL PEKSHEV

1. DAVID BUCKMAN, MOSCOW REPRESENTATIVE OF CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM NEW YORK, TOLD E/C COUNSELOR JANUARY 17 HE HAS HEARD THAT VALERIY A. PEKSHEV, US-USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT, IS SLATED FOR A DEPUTY CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE SOVIET STATE BANK (GOSBANK) IN MARCH 1977. ACCORDING TO BUCKMAN, THE PLAN IS TO REPLACE PEKSHEV WITH SOVIET DEPUTY TRADE REPRESENTATIVE BORIS P. ALEKSEYEV, BUT THE LATTER IS BALKING AT THE SHIFT AND PREFERS TO RETURN TO MOSCOW.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENT WASHINGTON AGENCIES MAY WISH TO MAKE ON AUTHENTICITY OF THIS REPORT. AT RECENT MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY SIMON AND STATE BANK DIRECTOR ALKHIMOV, WE NOTED THAT PEKSHEV WAS ONE OF THE FEW SOVIETS IN THE ROOM, ASIDE FROM ALKHIMOV HIMSELF, WHO VENTURED TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT. IF PEKSHEV IS TO BECOME A DEPUTY TO ALKHIMOV AT GOSBANK, IT WILL BE OF INTEREST TO SEE WHOM HE REPLACES. ALTHOUGH ALKHIMOV SELECTED HIS OLD FRIEND, FOREIGN GRADE BAK DIRECTOR YURIY IVANOV, AS A FIRST
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DEPUTY, MOST AMERICANS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT SOVIET BANKERS TEND TO HAVE A RESERVED OPINION OF IVANOV. ALTHOUGH PEKSHEV TOO STRIKES US ON BRIEF ACQUAINTANCE AS CUT MORE IN THE TRADITIONAL SOVIET BUREAUCRATIC MOLD THAN DOES THE ENGAGING ALKHIMOV, HIS APPOINTMENT TO GOSBANK WOULD REPRESENT THE INTRODUCTION OF ADDITIONAL FOREIGN TRADE EXPERIENCE INTO THE UPPER ECHELONS OF AN INSTITUTION WHICH HAS A BROAD IMPACT

ON THE DOMESTIC ECONOMY AS WELL.
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